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WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to Office Action mailed September 7, 2007 (Paper No. 20070821). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.

Applicants believe no extension of time is required, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.